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SUBJECT: PLANS TO EXPAND PEMEX EXPORT FACILITIES IN GULF PORT
OF COATZACOALCOS

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1- IN APPARENT CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
GOM PLANS TO PROCEED WITH LARGE SCALE EXPORTS OF CRUDE
(SEE REFTEL), EMBASSY OFFICERS LEARNED OF CONSTRUCTION
PLANS AT GULF OF MEXICO PORT COATZACOALCOS DESTINED TO
TURN PETROLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMEX) DEPOT THERE INTO MAJOR
EXPORT CENTER. EMBOFFS VISITED MAJOR PETROLEUM
INSTALLATIONS IN CHIAPAS-TABASCO AREA.

2. PEMEX FACILITIES IN PAJARITOS DOCKING AREA OF
COATZACOALCOS AT PRESENT CONSISTS OF TWO PIERS WITH
HANDLING CAPACITY OF FIVE SHIPS IN 18-22,000 DWT RANGE.

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EACH PIER CAN LOAD TANKER OF PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CLASS

IN APPROXIMATELY 36 HOURS. STORAGE FACILITIES INCLUDE A NUMBER OF 150-200,000 BBL TANKS, WITH TOTAL CAPACITY OF 600,000 BBLs. DEPTH OF COATZACOALCOS CHANNEL AVERAGES 33 FEET.

3. EXPANSION PLANS UNDERWAY INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL PIERS FOR LOADING CRUDE OR REFINED PRODUCTS AS WELL AS AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL 150,000 BBL STORAGE TANKS. IN ADDITION, A PIPELINE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO CONNECT PAJARITOS WITH MINATITLAN (MEXICO'S LARGEST REFINERY) AS WELL AS TO TIE COATZALOALCOS DEPOT INTO NETWORK OF PIPELINES CONNECTING CHIAPAS AND REFORMA OIL DEPOSITS AND TRANS-ISTHMUS PIPELINE TO PACIFIC PORT OF SALINA CRUZ.

4. IN ANTICIPATION OF NEED TO SERVICE VLCC'S AND ULCC'S PEMEX ENGINEERS ARE CONSTRUCTING LOADING BUOYS OFF BOTH SANCHEZ MACALLANES IN GULF AND SALINA CRUZ ON PACIFIC.

5. ADM. LUIS BRAVO CARRERA, SECRETARY OF NAVY, REPORTED TO BE IN TRIESTE, PRESUMABLY DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF 40,000 DWT TANKERS FOR MEXICAN PETROLEUM FLEET.
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